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Rockville Scholarship Foundation Awards 2013 College Grants to Nine Local Students

Winners To Be Honored By City's Mayor and Council on June 10

ROCKVILLE, Md., May 31, 2013 – Nine students displaying exceptional academic careers and unique extracurricular involvement have been named awardees of college scholarship grants by the Rockville Scholarship Foundation.

The Foundation, created in 1985, is a partnership of the City of Rockville and Montgomery College-Rockville. Since its inception, the foundation has granted more than 150 scholarships worth more than \$200,000 to Rockville students pursuing post-secondary education.

The 2013 awardees are:

Ekaterina Goryunova (\$2,000) is an immigrant from Russia attending Montgomery College and pursuing her bachelor of science degree in Nursing from the University of Maryland School of Nursing. She has been named to the Dean's List and is a volunteer with the American Red Cross, Christ House and is a Russian/Spanish tutor.

Kate Hamelburg (\$1,500) is a passionate senior at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School and a resident of the City of Rockville. She plans to attend Brandeis University to pursue a Judaic Studies and Education degree. She is a member of the National French Honor Society and has held several leadership positions in United Synagogue Youth. She also volunteered her time as a tutor, at a local food bank, group home for disabled adults and a nursing home. With a creative arts side, she also sings, dances and plays piano.

Jeanice Hwang (\$1,000) is a graduate of Richard Montgomery High School International Baccalaureate program and a resident of the City of Rockville. She recently completed her first year at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County on a path toward medical school. She has earned Semester Academic Honors and President's List in her first year of college, while also serving as an undergraduate research assistant with the Leips Lab and curator at the Kann Lab at UMBC. She is fluent in English, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish.

Zinab Jadidi (\$1,000) is a recent immigrant from Iran attending Montgomery College and majoring in Material Science and Engineering. With a 4.0 GPA and a passion for improving the world through science, Zinab plans to pursue the field of Nanotechnology, eventually earning a Ph.D.

Oren Lagziel (\$1,000) is a senior at Thomas S. Wootton High school and plans to attend the University of Maryland, College Park to study Bioengineering. Oren participates in the Academy of Information Technology program, a four-year program from the National Academy Foundation focused on IT. In addition, Oren is a volunteer counselor of Israeli Scouts and completed a Web Design Internship at Mosaic Data Services. Oren is fluent in English and Hebrew and proficient in Martial Arts. Oren also plays piano and tennis.

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Doris Oklety (\$1,000) is a senior AP and honors student at Rockville High School and plans to attend Towson University to major in Biology. With a passion for caring for others, Doris eventually plans to complete medical school to be a Pediatric Cardiologist. She also brings knowledge of technology, having worked for Hughes Network Systems as a production technician. Doris also gives back to the community by volunteering Rockville Christian Church Nursing Home and Interfaith Works. She also participated in the Green Club, Horizon Club, and RHS Step Team.

Boshra Peyrovi (\$1,000) is a Life Sciences major earning high marks at Montgomery College. Boshra eventually plans to complete Dental School to support the community as a dentist. Boshra immigrated to the U.S. from Iran and is fluent in Farsi, English and Arabic. Boshra works part time at a dental office and enjoys hobbies such as reading, cooking, volleyball, music, traveling, scuba diving and photography.

Andoniaina Ramamonjisoa (\$1,500) is an honors student at Montgomery College, Rockville majoring in Accounting with a Business Administration minor. Andoniaina eventually plans to complete schooling at the University of Maryland, College Park and become a Certified Public Accountant. With a passion for community service, Andoniaina participates in food drives for Manna Food Center, and also volunteers for the homeless women of the Rainbow Place Shelter and low income families with young children of the Families Foremost Center.

Tony (Yitsong) Tang (\$2,000) is a graduate of Thomas S. Wootton High School and is now a Phi Theta Kappa student at Montgomery College, Rockville. Tony plans to pursue an Accounting degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. Tony is the founder and CEO of NATIVE, a clothing firm that markets toward young adults. Tony is a participant in the Macklin Business Institute, which is an honors program for business students. In addition, Tony tutors students with learning disabilities and lifeguards at the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center. Tony is a member of the Chinese Music Society of Greater Washington.

The 2013 awardees will be honored on Monday, June 10, by Rockville's Mayor and Council and leaders of Montgomery College, Rockville and the Rockville Scholarship Foundation at the Mayor and Council's televised public meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

"I have been deeply moved by the difference the Rockville Scholarship Foundation makes in the lives of students and families in our community," said John Moser, president of RSF. "We are very proud of these nine RSF recipients and know they will make great contributions to our society."

Applications were reviewed by a panel of judges after the April 15 deadline based on five categories — academic standing, integrity and character, community involvement, school activities and need. All honorees reside within the corporate city limits of the City of Rockville, attend Rockville, Richard Montgomery or Wootton High Schools, or are college students attending Montgomery College-Rockville campus.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit, charitable organization under section 501c (3) of the IRS Code. Eligibility is open to residents in the corporate limits of Rockville; students attending a Rockville high school; and Montgomery College students (Rockville). The Foundation is administered by a volunteer 13-member Board of Directors. The Board decides policy, formulates fundraising, and is responsible for the award process.

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